ever dare to challenge this glove, I have sworn to take him a box o' the ear: or, if I can see my glove in his cap, (which he swore, as he was a soldier, he would wear, if alive,) I will strike it out soundly.

K. HEN. What think you, captain Fluellen? is it fit this soldier keep his oath?

FLU. He is a craven and a villain else, an't please your majesty, in my conscience.

K. HEN. It may be, his enemy is a gentleman of great sort[6], quite from the answer of his degree[7].

FLU. Though he be as good a gentleman as the tevil is, as Lucifer and Belzebub himself, it is necessary, look your grace, that he keep his vow and his oath: if he be perjured, see you now, his reputation is as arrant a villain, and a Jack-sauce[3], as ever his black shoe trod upon God's ground and his earth, in my conscience, la*

K. HEN. Then keep thy vow, sirrah, when thou meet'st the fellow.

WILL. So I will, my liege, as I live.

K. HEN. Who servest thou under?

WILL. Under captain Gower, my liege.

FLU. Gower is a good captain: and is good knowledge and literature in the wars.

K. HEN. Call him hither to me, soldier.

WILL. I will, my liege.

[Exit.

K. HEN. Here, Fluellen: wear thou this favour for me, and stick it in thy cap: When Alençon and

6 — great sort.] High rank. So, in the ballad of Jane Shore:

'Lords and ladies of great sort' JOHNSON.

The quartos, 1600 and 1608, read—cf his enemy may be a gentleman *ofvoorth.'* STEEVENS.

See p. 281, n. 3. The same phrase occurs afterwards in the next scene. BOSWELL.

7 — quite from the answer of his degree.] A

man of such sta-
tion as is not bound to hazard his person to *answer*
to a challenge
from one of the soldier's *low degree.* JOHNSON.

[8] — Jack-sauce,] i. e. saucy Jack* MAX. ONE,.